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Thanks!

This newsletter has always been a product of contributions from our members—participation in exhibits; notices of calls-for-artists, lectures and special events. I am indebted to all who have helped create the content that is put forth here. For this issue I put out a call for some Show-and-Tell, and was not disappointed! I hope to do it again soon!

Member News

The Garden State Watercolor Society's (GSWS) 2021 Annual Members' Exhibition is wrapping up on April 15:

<https://www.gswcs.org/members-exhibition.html>

Participating RVAA members are: **Linda Arnold**, **Judith Hummer**, **Diana Patton** and **Peggye Tombro**. There is also an article about the exhibit in The Times of Trenton via NJ.com

<https://www.nj.com/times/2021/03/fine-arts-garden-state-watercolor-society-members-exhibition-is-an-online-event-this-year.html>



Donna Souren has three pieces in the upcoming "Exuberance!" online show at the **Farmstead Arts Center**, April 23-May 28.

"Siberian Iris," left, "Trillium," right. "Early Crocus at Buck Gardens," not pictured.

<https://farmsteadartscenter.org/fa-home/>



Lydia Chibane, acrylic on canvas board

Send Your News!

Are you showing in an exhibit? Will you be teaching a class or workshop? Do you want to share your Instagram account or recommend artists to follow? Include a link for more info and maybe a picture too. You can stipulate if you'd like to be mentioned in the Newsletter, on Facebook, or both!

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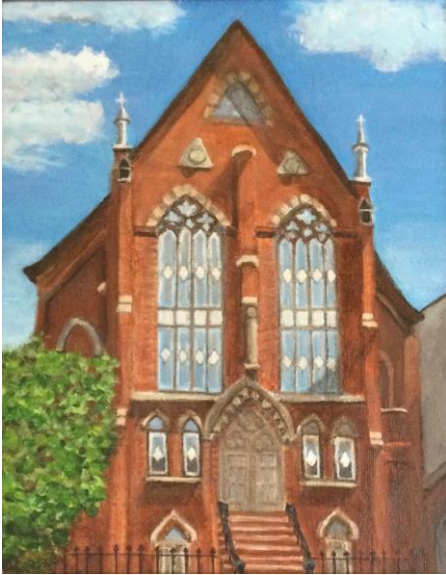
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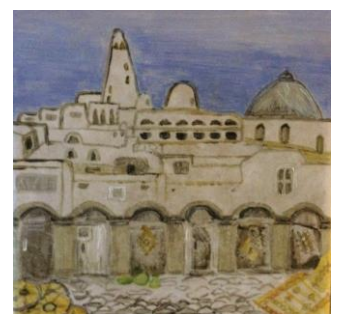


RVAA Member Show-and-Tell



Lydia Chibane, "The McKenzie"

Lydia Chibane has two paintings for us. On page one, a painting of her son's home in Summit, NJ, done in acrylic on canvas board. Pictured here, "The McKenzie," is a painting of a church in Jersey City, which has been converted into condominiums, where another of Lydia's sons now lives. The painting was a housewarming gift. Lydia has also been painting tiles: "These are some of the porcelain tile trivets I made while adapting images from books and wallpaper, and my own compositions. When dry I bake them and apply felt backing."



Diana Patton has a couple paintings for us and a peek into her home studio space:

Diana Patton's painting, "Sunflowers in My Garden," was accepted into the Open Juried Exhibition 2021 Biennial at the Greensburg Art Center, Greensburg, PA. The exhibit is "live", all mediums, and runs May 15-June 15:

<https://www.greensburgartcenter.org/> Diana also has three

watercolors in the Farmstead Arts Center's exhibit

"Exuberance...works inspired by the energy, beauty, and hope of a new spring," (see link on page one).



Diana Patton, "Sunflowers in My Garden"

Show-and-Tell continued



Diana Patton, "The Pond is Alive Again!"

From **Diana**:

"You see three different photos of my studio here in Munhall, PA (a tiny suburb of Pittsburgh). My studio includes several large bookcases, one of which is floor to ceiling, built-in, as well as my art table, FantasyLand (i.e. five dollhouses, including a general store), where Jillian and I play (and is the inspiration for a chapter book trilogy I'm writing), and a reading nook for Jillian. I

hang things from the ceiling, as well as on the walls. One photo shows a fish & lobster painting I'm playing with, along with some of my Safari brand models on the desk (note Octopus). One photo shows some dollhouse and Hanover the Houseplant in the window. Hanover is a philodendron, 46 years old, given to us by Hanover Square Dancers when we moved from Denville to Bridgewater 46 years ago. The third photo shows some of FantasyLand, the reading nook, paintings on the walls, and Jellyfish hanging from the ceiling.



Artist Opportunity

Entries Due:

The Museum of Early Trades and Crafts in Madison NJ has issued a "Call for Artists":

EXHIBITION DESCRIPTION:

The Museum of Early Trades & Crafts (METC) is inviting New Jersey artists to submit artwork for an exhibition held in the METC Education Annex in October 2021. Artists are invited to create original fine artwork on canvas material that will be provided. Each banner will be an original, one-of-a-kind work of art using any medium of the artist's choice reflecting the theme of "Hope." The canvas banners are 24' x 36' and will be on display in the Museum's Education Annex windows for a period of three months starting on October 27, 2021, and ending February 28, 2022. At the end of the exhibition, METC will host a reception where the banners will be sold and/or auctioned. METC selected 'Hope' as its first 2021 Artists' Showcase theme, recognizing that the COVID-19 crisis has touched the lives of every individual across the globe. Although the pandemic continues, we see the resiliency of people shining through even the darkest days toward better and safer times and this gives us all Hope. We invite artists to produce a work that reflects this theme.

Link to Info: <https://ccabedminster.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/METC-2021-Sidewalk-Art-Show-Call-for-Artists.pdf>

Initial proposals, application, etc. are due April 16. Materials will be issued to selected artists in June.

Part of the application requires an Artist's Statement. I thought this was a good resource on how to write one if you haven't yet: <https://thecreativeindependent.com/guides/how-to-write-an-artist-statement/>

The New Jersey Water Color Society's 4th Annual Online Associate Members' Show is open to submissions until **April 30**. The cost is \$10 with membership dues paid for 2021. The prospectus and online entry form can be found on the NJWCS website at <http://www.njwcs.org/AssociateProspectus&Entry.htm>. Please read the Prospectus carefully for all entry requirements. If you would like to become a member and participate in the show, please go to <https://www.njwcs.org/Membership.htm>. Annual dues are \$35. For more information, please contact Jill Y Crouch, 1st Vice President at jillocrouch@comcast.net and for technical assistance please contact our Webmaster, Michael Scherfen mike@mikescherfen.com.

Demos and Links

Free **Garden State Watercolor Society** artist demonstration: "Discover Spontaneous Watermedia with Guest Artist, **Joseph Gyurcsak**," **April 15**. Register here:

<https://www.gswcs.org/members-exhibition.html>

Free Zoom lecture from **The Princeton University Art Museum** with photographer, **Renee Cox**, on **April 15, 5:30 pm**. Register here:

https://princeton.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_PpFFUpKQ3e0VqINRtXLwQ

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Application available at

<http://www.raritanvalleyarts.org/MembershipApplicationform.pdf>

Thank you for your continued support!